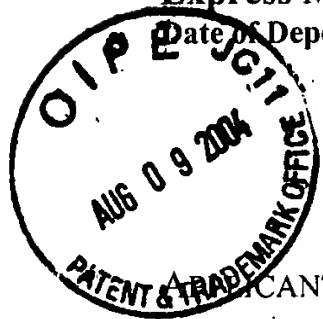


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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following documents:

1. Communication (1 pg.);
2. Petition for three-month extension of time (1 pg. in duplicate);
3. Check #19110 in the amount of \$475.00; and
4. Return postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617-542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No.19374-504. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "I. A. Beattie".

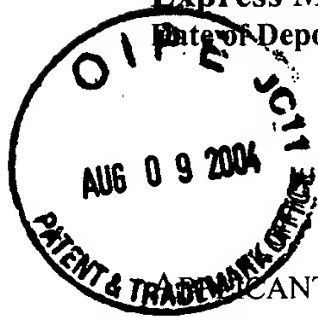
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**COMMUNICATION**

In response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2004, Applicants have on this date filed a continuation application. Applicants file herewith a Petition for Extension of Time, along with a check in the amount of \$475.00 to cover the required fee. A duplicate copy of our Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed herewith. With the extension, a response to the outstanding Office Action is due on or before August 9, 2004.

Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 19374-504).

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